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## BIRTH.

On 12th October, at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank House, Fochow, the wife of C. H. M. BARRON, of a daughter.

## DEATH.

On 4th October, suddenly, at his residence, Mount Zion Cottage, Singapore, C. A. PATON.

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, OCTOBER 14TH, 1905.

Never before probably in the history of our Legislative Council has a Bill sanctioning the raising of any considerable sum of money been passed through its various stages without discussion, as was the Bill which, in the space of ten minutes, was read a first, second and third time in the Council Chamber yesterday, authorising the raising of a loan of Two Million Pounds sterling for defraying the cost of construction of the Hongkong section of the Canton-Kowloon railway and "other railway purposes." The term "other railway purposes" refers to the re-purchase by the Chinese Government of the concession granted seven or eight years ago to an American syndicate for the making of a line of railway from Canton to Hankow, and certain short branch lines. H.E. the GOVERNOR, in a few disappointingly brief remarks at the meeting of the Council yesterday, said he did not think it would be to the public interest to dilate on the Agreement, the terms of which had already been published in the public press, nor necessary, as he had reason to believe the members of the Council had sufficient knowledge of the general principles guiding the policy of the Government in the matter. If that be so, the members of the Council must be in an exceptionally favoured position. The policy of the British Government in regard to affairs Chinese has evidently quite recently undergone a remarkable change, and it

would be extremely interesting to hear more about it. Probably we should have had to wait yet longer for the information we already have, had not a Chinese journal in Shanghai, evidently having access to official archives, prematurely published the text of the agreement. The very palpable restraint shown by His Excellency yesterday we take to be an indication that the Chinese, to use the expressive phrase of common parlance, have "given the show away." But for this evidently unexpected publication of the Agreement it might have been assumed that the words "other Railway purposes" in the Ordinance had reference to the section of the Kowloon-Canton railway beyond the limits of British territory. It is to be regretted that His Excellency did not take advantage of the opportunity yesterday to make some announcement as to what progress, if any, is being made with the negotiations for the making of that section of the Canton-Kowloon railway which will run through Chinese territory, and the only conclusion to be drawn from the very guarded utterance of the GOVERNOR is that, so far as the Kowloon railway is concerned, there is no immediate hurry for the money. But the terms of the agreement regarding the re-purchase of the Canton-Hankow railway concession by the Chinese Government, which we reproduced in our issue of yesterday, make clear the necessity for immediately raising the sum of £1,100,000, which the Hongkong Government has agreed to lend. An instalment of £400,000 is stated to have been paid to the Chinese authorities already; and this might be taken to indicate that His Excellency the GOVERNOR is assured that no difficulty will be experienced in obtaining the money from London. China agreed to pay to the American-China Development Company, as an indemnity for the cancellation of the concession, the sum of \$6,750,000 gold, and the £1,100,000 which the Hongkong Government has agreed to lend to the Chinese Government practically represents the full amount in English currency. All British subjects interested in the China question will recognise in this a wise and timely stroke of business, and even those who can lay no claim to a sufficient knowledge of the new "principles" guiding the policy of the Government, may make a very shrewd guess at their purpose. Next to the conclusion of the new alliance with Japan, the loan is one of the best efforts yet made by the British Government to keep the door in China open to the trade and commerce of the world.

One case of plague was notified in the Colony yesterday.

Confirmation has reached Manila that the coasts guard steamer *Leyle* has become a total loss.

Fochow Winter Race Meeting has been fixed for 12th, 13th and 14th December, and a very comprehensive programme has been arranged.

Memorial services for those who perished in the typhoon were held at several churches in Manila on Sunday last, and were attended by large numbers of sorrowing relatives and friends.

The Catholic Union is holding a reception in the Club rooms at Glenora to-night from 9 to 11 o'clock in honour of His Lordship Bishop Pozzani. Many friends of the Union have been invited.

It is now reported that besides her valuable cargo which was insured at \$60,000 the ill-fated *Centabria* had on board P41,000 partly belonging to the company and partly to a wealthy Chinaman.

Messrs. Benjamin Kelly and Potts inform us that they have received telegraphic advices that the Raab crushing for the past four weeks produced 702 ozs. smelted gold from 5,853 tons stone.

The "At Home" held by His Excellency the Governor yesterday at Government House was numerously attended. Tea was provided on the lawn and the Band of the Royal West Kents discoursed an excellent programme of music.

A syndicate is financing in Pittsburgh an institution called the American and Philippine Loan and Trust Company. Its main office is to be in Manila. The company is chartered under the laws of West Virginia, with a capital of \$100,000. Of this amount \$60,000 has been subscribed.

Mr. Walter John Daniel was yesterday admitted by Mr. A. G. Wise (Puisne Judge) to the role of solicitors and proctors practising in the Supreme Court of Hongkong. The motion for his admission was presented by Mr. Pollock, K.C., and his Lordship said he had much pleasure in admitting Mr. Daniel and trusted that his stay in the colony would be advantageous. Mr. Daniel was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of Judicature in England on 4th June, 1902.

An amah employed at No. 1 Lyndhurst Terrace on Thursday went to change a \$50 bill at a money changer's in Queen's Road Central. The amount of the bill in silver was handed to her; she tied it up in a handkerchief and left the shop, not observing that a coolie was following her. When about to enter the house at which she was employed, the man called her to ask if a certain person was employed there. As she turned to answer him he snatched the handkerchief, and disappeared in the street crowd before she realised what had happened. The police were informed of the occurrence, but the search for the robber has so far proved unsuccessful.

The International Jockey Club of Manila is again before the municipal board with a petition for permission to construct and conduct a race-course in the city of Manila, the course to have the privilege of utilizing a totalizer, or gambling machine. The members of the municipal board have been bored almost to death with this proposition, says the *Cableman*. On two occasions the board has had occasion to deny the petition, but the Club evidently believes in the scriptural saying, "Ask and it shall be given you." The board listened to the reading of the petition with its usual demonstration of patience and left the secretary to settle the matter for the time being by pig-nodding the documents.

A meeting of sanitary officials was held yesterday at the Sanitary Board office, under the chairmanship of Dr. Clarke, for the discussion of the Government proposals for the transfer of the Widows and Orphans Pension Fund in connection with the civil service in the Colony. The unmarried men felt aggrieved under the present conditions as they contribute equally with the married men, and have no prospective return for their payments as in the case of the latter. Various schemes were discussed, among them the propriety of handing the money over to an insurance company, but the meeting was adjourned for further consideration of the question.

By kind permission of Lieut.-Col. A. G. Fitton, D.S.O., and officers, the band of the Second Battalion "The Queen's Own" (Royal West Kent Regiment) will play the following programme of music during dinner at the Hongkong Hotel, this evening:—  
March—"Sun of the Brave"..... Bittow  
Overture—"La Danse Blanche"..... Boulden  
Valse—"An der Schone Schwanen-See"..... Strauss  
Selection from "The Rose of Persia"..... Sullivan  
(a) Chant sans paroles..... Tchaikowsky  
(b) Serenade..... Moszkowski  
Overture—"The Gondoliers"..... Handel  
Selection from "The Gondoliers"..... Caryl  
Menuet—"Hors d'Opera"..... Camperio  
Waltz—"Consolation"..... Liszt  
Ballet—"La Normande"..... Bournonville  
Ballet—"Les Pigeons"..... Vaul and Ham  
Pavane—"Curry-Burnall"..... Joynes  
Roast-Australian Beef, Roast Turkey and Sausage, Boiled Fricas and Spiced, Cold Tossed Chicken and Mixed Salad, Sweet Lemon Pudding, Diplomat Ice Cream and Pound Cake, trawels Tart, Topsy Cake, Dessert—Coffee—Fruit.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## THE CLOCK TOWER.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

SIR,—In connection with the articles that have appeared in your paper about the Clock Tower, I fail to see what really sound object your contributor had in writing at such length. There is a very large quantity of sentimentality and very little else. Hongkong is a progressive colony and, as such, has no time for sentiment. It seems as if your contributor is content to remain in one particular groove all his life, and doesn't see why others are not.

What good purpose does the Clock Tower serve to us in its present position? As a substitute for a policeman to regulate the traffic, it is a failure, and to tell one the time it is also useless to a certain degree. By this I mean that there is practically only one place where an uninterrupted view of the tower is possible and that is at the junction of Des Vaux Road and Pedder Street.

Passing along Queen's Road it cannot be seen, and it is also out of sight at Blakes Pier.

Personally I don't consider that Hongkong requires an independent clock tower at all. In my humble opinion the proper place for a city clock is on the top of the General Post Office, now in course of erection. From there it would be visible to the Harbour, Kowloon and the Hill districts.

Apologising for thus trespassing on your valuable space—I am, etc.

## ANTI-SENTIMENTAL.

[Our correspondent will observe in the report of yesterday's proceedings at the Legislative Council that plans were submitted for a Clock Tower to be added to the new Post Office building—a suggestion made for the first time in the *Daily Press* a year or more ago by our contributor "Banyan."—Ed.]

## HONGKONG FLOWER SHOW.

We have received from the hon. secretary, Mr. S. T. Dunn, a copy of the rules and class list for the guidance of intending exhibitors at the two days' Flower Show to be held on or about February 8th and 9th, 1906. Rule 2 states that all articles exhibited for competition must be grown by the exhibitors or have been in their possession at least six weeks before the day of exhibition, with the exception of button-holes and table decorations, and rule 7 is to the effect that the judges shall have authority to withhold the prize in any case where they are of opinion that there is not sufficient merit to justify an award, and to award special prizes for anything not mentioned in the catalogue.

The catalogue embraces 66 classes—6 plants for Peak gardens only, 7 plants from any private gardens, 16 plants in pots (open to all), 19 cut flowers (open to all), 13 Chinese market gardens only, 1 fruit and 4 general exhibits.

## TELEGRAMS.

["DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.]

## GERMAN TROUBLES IN SOUTH AFRICA.

LONDON, 13th October.

The Hottentots have captured a German camp and apparently intend to take the offensive against the German force.

## DIPLOMATIC DISCLOSURES.

LONDON, 13th October.

There is great excitement in Germany over the Paris disclosures and a strong anti-British feeling has been roused.

## REPAIR SHIP ASHORE.

LONDON, 13th October.

H. B. M. s. *Assistance*, a steam repair ship of 9,600 tons, is dangerously ashore at Tetung.

[REUTERS' SERVICE.]

## THE "MATIN" DISCLOSURES.

LONDON, 11th October.

The Editor of the *Matin* says that M. Delcassé is in no way responsible for the statements of *Le Matin*.

The German press is displaying irritation because the British Government has not denied the statements.

## THE GROUPING OF THE POWERS.

LONDON, 11th October.

The Paris correspondent of the *Times* says there is reason to believe that an Anglo-Russian rapprochement is being strongly advocated by France, and being favourably considered in Russia; and further that there is no likelihood of a Russo-German alliance, which is strenuously opposed in Russia.

## THE AMERICAN INSURANCE SCANDALS.

LONDON, 11th October.

In the insurance investigation in New York, Mr. McCurdy, the president of New York Mutual, stated that his salary was \$30,000. He also gave explanations showing that large sums of money were drawn by members of his family from a company with which he had business relations.

Mr. Olyphant, the chairman of the Expenditure Committee of the Mutual, stated that the company maintained a confidential fund for legal expenses, the total amounts of which were known only to the trustees.

Mr. Gillette, the vice-president, testified that the solicitor of the company could get \$5,000 whenever he pleased, without disclosing the destination of the money. Mr. Gillette recited the amounts that the company had contributed to the Republican campaign funds, to which they had subscribed \$3,600 in 1904.

## MARINE COURT.

Thursday, 12th October.

BEFORE MR. BASIL E. H. TAYLOR (MARINE MAGISTRATE).

Richard James Deeks, master of the sailing ship *Andromeda*, summoned James McNaughten, A.B., for continued wilful disobedience to the lawful commands of complainant in the waters of the colony since 26th ult.

The master stated that defendant had been absent from the ship since the 26th ult., without leave, and returned on Wednesday night. When witness called him aft to explain his absence, he made no reply, and when asked if he intended to work McNaughten replied that he did not. He did no work that day (Thursday).

Albert Stead, mate, said that when he went to turn hands to that morning defendant did not come out of the forecastle. He did not order him personally, and defendant did not actually refuse duty that morning.

The master, recalled, deposed that when defendant was before the Police Magistrate on September 26th, witness gave him money to take him on board, but he did not turn up. Defendant, who had nothing to say, was sentenced to one month's hard labour.

## INTERPORT RIFLE MATCH.

The result of the match is a win for Hongkong. The scores are as follows:—

Hongkong	304	319	300	923
Shanghai	300	302	287	889
Singapore	—	—	—	860

The undermentioned were selected to represent Singapore in the Interport Rifle match:—Messrs. C. M. Phillips, P. Fowle, H. E. Baker, R. de Silva, V. A. Flower, A. E. T. Murray and C. H. Dumbell, Sergt. Turton, Hav. Ajjarian and Jairam.

Reserves:—Messrs. A. Morrison and J. Flanagan.

## HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held at the Council Chamber yesterday.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, MAJOR SIR MATTHEW NATHAN, K.C.M.G.

Hon. Colonel C. H. DARLING, R.E. (Commanding the Troops).

Hon. Mr. T. SERCOMBE SMITH (Colonial Secretary).

Hon. Sir H. S. BARKLEY, K.C. (Attorney-General).

Hon. Mr. L. A. M. JOHNSTON (Colonial Treasurer).

Hon. Mr. E. A. IRVING (Registrar-General).

Hon. Mr. BASIL E. H. TAYLOR, R.N. (Harbour Master).

Hon. Mr. W. CHATHAM (Director of Public Works).

Hon. Mr. R. SHEWAN.

Hon. Sir C. P. CHATER, C.M.G.

Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, M.B., C.M., C.M.G.

Hon. Mr. GERSHON STEWART.

Hon. Mr. Wei YUK.

Hon. Mr. W. C. DICKSON.

Mr. A. G. M. FLECHER (Clerk of Councils).

MINUTES.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

HIS EXCELLENCY.—In accordance with standing order No. 47 I have appointed the following committees:—Finance Committee—All the members of the Council with the hon. the Colonial Secretary as chairman. Law Committee—The hon. the Attorney-General as chairman, and the hon. the Harbour Master, the hon. Dr. Ho Kai, the hon. Mr. Shewan, and the hon. Mr. Wei YUK as members. Public Works Committee—The hon. the Director of Public Works as chairman, and the hon. the Colonial Treasurer, the hon. Sir Paul Chater, the hon. Mr. Dickson, and the hon. Mr. Gershom Stewart as members.

FINANCIAL.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY moved that the minutes Nos. 41 to 43 be referred to the Finance Committee.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

RAILWAY LOANS.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL—I rise to ask leave to introduce a real for the first time a bill entitled An Ordinance for raising the sum of Two Million Pounds by loan for the purpose of defraying the cost of a Railway from Kowloon and for other railway purposes.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

HIS EXCELLENCY.—Gentlemen, I have called you together for an extraordinary meeting to pass the Railways Loan Bill of 1905. This Bill, in addition to authorising me to raise funds for the construction of the Hongkong section of the railway from Canton to Kowloon, is connected with the agreement announced in the "China Mail" of the 7th and the "South China Morning Post" of the 9th instant. It is not in the public interest that I should dilate here on the subject of that Agreement, the general terms of which have appeared in the public press, nor is it necessary as I have reason to believe honourable members have sufficient knowledge of the principles guiding the Government's policy in the matter. The amount included in the Bill makes ample provision for the expenditure it is intended to cover. It is only an authority for me to raise funds as occasion requires, and I will see that you are informed when any loan is actually raised on that authority.

The motion was agreed to.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL—I rise to move that standing order No. 33 be suspended in order to move the second reading of this Bill.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded and the motion was agreed to.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL—I rise now to move that this Bill be read a second time. The reasons which have led to its introduction have been stated by His Excellency to the House, as well as the reason why the Bill should be passed into law at once. The objects of the Bill are sufficiently set out in the preamble to obviate the necessity of my taking up the time of this Council in explanations as to the details of this Bill. It has long been the hope of every person interested in the colony of Hongkong that a railway from Kowloon to the frontier should be built, and this Bill gives the opportunity of seeing the accomplishment of that desire.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL—I move that the Council resolve itself into committee to consider this Bill.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

The Bill was then considered clause by clause. On the Council resuming,

HIS EXCELLENCY said—I have to report that the Bill, entitled An Ordinance for raising the sum of Two Million Pounds by Loan for the purpose of defraying the cost of a Railway from Kowloon and for other Railway purposes, has passed through committee with only verbal amendments.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL—I move that, no member objecting, this Bill be read a third time.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

HIS EXCELLENCY.—The Council stands adjourned till after the meeting of the Finance Committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was then held, the Colonial Secretary presiding. The following votes were passed:

EDUCATIONAL.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of Fifty-three Dollars (\$53) in aid of the vote, Education—Other Charges: Bellios Public School, for incidental expenses.

## JUDICIAL AND LEGAL.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of Six hundred dollars (\$600) in aid of the vote, Judicial and Legal Departments, Land Registry Office, for New Territories—Other Charges, for Language Allowance to Mr. J. R. Wood, assistant land officer, who has passed the examination in the Cantonese dialect.

## RAINSTORM DAMAGES.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of two thousand three hundred and fifty dollars (\$2,350) in aid of the vote, Public Works Extraordinary, for rainstorm damages.

## PRINTING.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) in aid of the vote, Miscellaneous Services, for printing miscellaneous papers.

## MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) in aid of the vote, 22 Miscellaneous Services, telegrams sent and received by Government.

## GAP ROCK CABLE.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of five thousand eight hundred and seventy-one dollars and sixty-five cents (\$5,871.65) in aid of the vote, Public Works Extraordinary, for repairs to gap rock cable.

On the Council resuming,

The COLONIAL SECRETARY said—I have to report that the Finance Committee have just considered the Financial minutes No. 43 to 45 and have approved of them. Under these circumstances I move their adoption.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

A NEW CLOCK TOWER.

HIS EXCELLENCY—I took the opportunity of the meeting to-day to get the Director of Public Works to lay on the table a plan showing the elevation of a Clock Tower which it has been suggested might be added to the Post Office Buildings. I am no more convinced than when I last spoke on the subject that the general desire is to remove the old Clock Tower but I think opportunity might be taken of this new building in course of erection to add to it a Clock Tower which would be visible from the harbour generally and from the different levels of Victoria City. I should like members to look at the plan. The Council stands adjourned sine die.

## LOCAL SPORT.

## CRICKET.

CRICKET-GROWER CRICKET CLUB.

A match, Captain's XI v. Vice-Captain's XI, will take place this afternoon at 2.15.

CIVIL SERVICE CRICKET CLUB.

The following represent the "A" team of the above club against the "A" team of the Police C.C.—W. Gast (Capt.), P. E. Adams, T. Hurlow, W. Willis, A. Brown, H. Coombs, F. T. Robins, W. H. E. Smith, G. Hoggarth, E. Dawson and J. Rowarth.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

The following have been selected to play in the Match "Old Residents" against "New Comers" to-day on the Cricket Ground commencing at 11 a.m.:—

Old Residents—Major Lewis, Capt. Kriekenboek, Mr. G. E. Morrell, Mr. C. H. Mackay, Major Williamson, A.S.C., Mr. H. G. C. Bailey, Mr. F. C. Butcher, Mr. W. J. Daniel, Mr. S. Vickers, Mr. W. Peaks, Mr. G. W. Tullidge and Mr. W. A. Powell.

New Comers—Mr. Wm. Dixon, Mr. Walter, E. Dixon, Mr. R. E. O. Bird, Mr. T. E. Pearce, Major Chisholm, Mr. W. C. D. Turner, Capt. H. W. Smith, Mr. W. Daniel, Capt. Noble, H.N., Mr. R. A. B. Ponsbury, Mr. A. E. Fowler and A. N. Othor.

Players are requested to be on the ground in good time. Tea will be served in the Pavilion.

FOOTBALL.

LUSITANO FOOTBALL CLUB v. Y.M.C.A.

The above-mentioned match was played yesterday afternoon at Causeway Bay. Teams:—Lusitano F. C.—A. V. Barros (Capt.), A. J. V. Ribeiro, J. Siqueira, P. Rosa, J. M. Victor, R. Silva, C. M. Ribeiro, C. Otorio, A. Rosario, A. G. Barreiras and E. Otorio.

Y.M.C.A. F.C.—Bullidge (goal) Bishop, Le Breton (backs) Piercy, Caldwell, Macpherson (half-backs), Weiser, Forbes, Raveney, Payne and Faria, forwards.

Referee, Mr. Scott.

Not long after the start the Y. M. C. A. men scored their first goal. The Lusitano men looked like making matters level then, but through lack of combination their attempts proved fruitless. The Y.M.C.A. men, having secured the ball again, defeated C. Ribeiro in goal, shortly after which another ball was seen going through the sticks. The score at half time was Y.M.C.A. 3, Lusitano 0.

During the second half the game got worse for the Lusitanos and resulted in their opponents scoring two more goals. C. Otorio, Barros, A. Ribeiro and P. Rosa, Forbes, Piercy, Weiser and Raveney played well for their respective teams. Result: Y.M.C.A. 5, Lusitano 0.

BASEBALL.

An opportunity will be afforded the public to witness the American national game to-day at the Happy Valley. A team from the U.S.S. Raleigh will meet one from the Hongkong Club. The American team has been most successful and has defeated all the others on the station.

The following will be the batting order:—Bennett, 3rd base; Evans, catcher; Hertz, 2nd base; McNair, 1st base; Fuchs, short stop; House, right field; Green, left field; Slavin, 2nd field; Wraith and Simple, substitutes. The game will begin at 2.30 p.m.







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**NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.**

**"GLEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.**

**FROM LONDON, ETC.**

**THE Steamship**

"GLENLOCHY,"  
having arrived from the above port, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at THREE FIVE ONE to the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before 4 P.M. TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 20th inst., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns, and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the steamer's arrival.

No claims will be recognized if not presented within 14 days of the ship's arrival.

McGREGOR BROS. & GOW.  
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By Order,  
T. F. HOUGH,  
Clerk of the Course.  
Hongkong, 30th September, 1905. [2343]

**NOTICE.**

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Hongkong, 11th October, 1905. [2317]

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Hongkong, 27th June, 1905. [1537]

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"GLENWOOD,"  
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Hongkong, 20th September, 1905. [2165]

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**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on and after SATURDAY, 30th SEPTEMBER, the Liquidators are prepared to distribute a first and final Dividend of Two Dollars and Twenty-six and Seven-tenths cents per share to those Shareholders who apply for same and deposit their Share Certificates at the Office of the undersigned, Alexandra Buildings, Des Vaux Road, Hongkong.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
Liquidators.  
Hongkong, 22nd September, 1905. [2181]

**UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.**

**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the THIRTY-SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SOCIETY will be held at the Head Office, No. 1 Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 19th October, 1905, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the report of the Directors together with Statements of Account for the year 1904 and for the half year ending 30th June, 1905, and of declaring dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from the 9th OCTOBER to the 19th OCTOBER, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board,  
W. J. SAUNDERS,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 15th September, 1905. [2186]

**CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LD.**

**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**

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Hongkong, 27th September, 1905. [2231]

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Hongkong, 13th June, 1905. [1434]

**OFFICES TO LET.**

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Hongkong, 16th September, 1905. [2139]

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Hongkong, 19th July, 1905. [192]

**TO LET.**

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Hongkong, 20th July, 1905. [1707]

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Hongkong, 17th February, 1905. [47]

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Hongkong, 27th September, 1905. [2222]

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**TO LET.**

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Apply to—  
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Hongkong, 3rd June, 1905. [84]

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Hongkong, 3rd August, 1905. [181]

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Hongkong, 13th June, 1905. [119]

**TO LET.**

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### LAND VALUES IN LONDON.

The recent sale of a plot of land fronting Piccadilly and St. James' street at a price which works out to £24 per square foot, a London contemporary remarks, again emphasises the enormous increase during recent years in the value of London's land. It has also struck a note of rivalry in New York, where certain experts in land values have pointed out that real estate in their city is much more expensive, quoting the rate of 118 per square foot obtained in June last for a plot of land situated at the corner of Wall-street and the Broadway. But while London's experts in real estate are quite ready to admit that the story of land values in New York has a strong romantic side, they deny that any city in the world can produce figures of the value of land to equal those of London. "To my own knowledge," said the manager of one of the largest firms of estate agents in London, "there have been plots sold in London at a rate of more than £118 per square foot. But they have generally been disposed of by private treaty, and the utmost the public have learned of the transfers has been that 'satisfactory price was obtained.' " It is also pointed out by estate agents that if sky-scrapers were the rule here, as in New York, the price of land, especially in the neighbourhood of the Bank, would increase by about fifty per cent. Where buildings of thirty stories and more are erected people can well afford to pay more for the land than when the buildings are of the usual London business type of five or six stories. Competent authorities are of the opinion, however, that London's land values have now reached their limit. Every year now sees more and more of the large manufacturing which have been occupying valuable land actually removed to the provinces of the country. It is, indeed, predicted that at a time in the future London proper will be entirely a city of offices. As to the present value of land in London, it is, and always has been, at its maximum round the Bank of England where a freehold site has sold at the rate of £2,500,000 per acre, or £75 per square foot. Yet there are no exceptionally high buildings anywhere in that vicinity. High land values are not confined to the centre of the City. In Bond-street land has sold at the rate of £35 per square foot, or more than £1,500,000 per acre, and at Chancery Cross plots fronting the Strand have a capital value of £800,000 to £1,000,000 per acre. In the Strand plots of land have sold at prices ranging from £12 to £20 per square foot, or from £500,000 to £800,000 per acre. Rentals are a sure index to the value of land, and in the Strand a few of the best tenement houses pay a rent of £300 a year, while a good floor shop and tenement.

The enormous increase in the value of London's land during the last thirty years provides some startling figures. During that period the rental value of the land has increased by £10,000,000, and the capital value by £250,000,000. The present value of the whole of the land in London is about £418,000,000. Thirty years ago it was about £108,000,000. The increase in value is therefore at the rate of 150 per cent. In the same period the rates have increased in the same proportion, that is, from £4,000,000 to £10,000,000 per annum. A striking feature of this great increase in the value of land is that it is common to the whole metropolitan area. Districts where one might look last for greatly increased values have seen tremendous advances. At Woolwich, for instance, a plot of land increased in value by £3,000 directly the free ferry was introduced. In Fitzjohn's Avenue, Hampstead, a plot was sold two or three years ago for £9,000 and now the agricultural value of which could not possibly be more than £50 per acre. It has been estimated that the Epsom, Portman, and Portland estates produce between them an annual income of £1,200,000. But within a comparatively recent time the income was nothing near that figure. In 1889, when the Portman leases fell in, one holder of a leasehold building in Baker-street had her ground rent increased from £10 to £20 per annum—figures which indicate the rise in the value of the estate as a whole.

Wherever public parks have been opened, or other improvements effected, the value of land has increased. One of the earliest examples of a plot thus enhanced in value was the site on the Embankment occupied by the School Board Offices. In 1885 it changed hands for £4,200. Five years later, after the Embankment had been built, the site sold for £26,420.

Estate agents prophesy that the City of Westminster will see in future years just such enormous increases in land values as the City of London has seen in the past. Already Westminster has a rateable value of £5,574,000, as compared with the City of London's rateable value of £5,060,944.

In the suburbs of London land values have shown similar remarkable increases during recent years. Land at Wimbledon has risen in value from £200 to £2,000 per acre during the past fifteen years; while at Hford, in half that period, the value per acre has increased from £200 to £1,200. An estate of seven and a half acres, bought in 1846 for £2,500 was sold seven years later for £9,500, or a price of £1,260 per acre.

### ASTRONOMY THEN AND NOW.

In these days astronomers, remarks a home journal, are able to compute an eclipse with wonderful exactness, even without such stimulus as was supplied by the Chinese Emperor Hwang-Ti, who directed his mathematical tribunal to "whether the instant of the occurrence of any celestial phenomenon was erroneously assigned, the phenomenon itself not foreseen or predicted, either negligence should be punished with death." Not long after, we are told, the two Imperial astronomers, Ho and Hi, suffered death on the ground that an eclipse had occurred which they had not foreseen. Hwang-Ti's edict is said to have been published about the year 2000 B.C., but the Chinese claim to have attained to some knowledge of astronomy prior to that date. It is scarcely necessary to say that while the Chinese had some knowledge of astronomy before progress is known to have been made with the science in Europe, at the same time all the claims of the Celestial Empire in this respect are not admitted by the astronomers of our day. Passing over the Chinese annals as of uncertain value we find recorded on Assyrian tablets a total eclipse of the sun which was observed at Nineveh, and counting back by means of modern tables astronomers have been able to fix the date as June 783 B.C. Then there was the much-discussed eclipse which was observed by Thales, one of the wise men of Greece, on May 28, 484 B.C. The story is well known of how a battle between the Medes and the Lydians was interrupted by a total eclipse of the sun, which made such a powerful impression upon the minds of the combatants that they ceased fighting and in consequence a lasting peace. That there was such an eclipse is undoubted, but Herodotus states that Thales had foretold the eclipse and fixed the year in which it would take place, and that is the point upon which controversy has been focused, it being objected that Thales could not have predicted the eclipse without having at his command certain facts which were not entertained until long after his death. On the other hand the contemporary evidence that Thales did predict an eclipse in that particular year is almost overwhelming, and the achievement, as it was believed to be, brought to him great fame. In later times we find in that invaluable record, the Saxon Chronicle, references to partial and total eclipses of the sun occurring in England from the year A.D. 538 to 1191, and the dates therein given have been confirmed from the tables.

### COMMAS AND COLONS.

THEIR GREAT IMPORTANCE.

Commas and colons, it seems, says a home paper, are the items inimical to rapid progress in the making of the Peace Treaty. If the authorities engaged followed English precedent, they would ignore punctuation. English law cannot trust itself where commas and colons are concerned, but turns out its legal instruments unpunctuated. The mis-phrasing of a treaty has many a time brought disaster, as in the case of the telegram sent as "Don't come too late," which the telegraph department misunderstood as "Don't come; too late." The writer remembers a poor man who got an unpunctuated telegram from a lady, which he read as "Glimsy"—a diabolical labyrinth of words, which sent that man into a fit of nervousness. There is a Russian text-book for soldiers which may well serve as a warning for the treaty-drafters. Somebody in authority at St. Petersburg heard a drill sergeant instructing his men from this tome of maxims. "The military service requires little prayer to God and a lot of attention to the drill-sergeant's superior." So one amazing maxim of the intention of the book made manifest the intention of the author: "The military service requires little prayer to God and a lot of attention to the orders of a superior." The sense could hardly have been more confused than by transposition of the colon. Even the anxious scholar was little more at ease when set to point out the errors as to (1) statement of fact (2) syntax of the sentences: "The hen has three legs." "Who done it?" The answer was: "The hen didn't do it." God don't it.

American Government officials know by this time the monetary significance of the comma. Once this little item cost them \$400,000. In drafting the Tariff Bill, Congress decided that among the articles to be admitted should be "all foreign fruit-plants." Now, a clerk, perceiving the blunder, thought to improve upon the essential blunder, he substituted a comma, making the sentence to read, "All foreign fruit, making the section to read, "All foreign fruit, plants, etc." Nobody detected the improvement, and the Bill became law. The result was that oranges, lemons, bananas, grapes, and every other species of foreign fruit had to enter duty free. It was against the spirit of the Act, but in strict conformity with the letter. A year elapsed before the error could be rectified, and in that time the U.S.A. customs lost four hundred thousand pounds through the substitution of the comma for the hyphen. There is a similar story as to

the late Jay Gould's getting the better of the customs through a similar error with relation to diamonds. Two sections of the Act in question read: "on the 24th August. This statute shall come into force two months after the said 24th August. A report shall be laid." What was meant was: "on the 24th August this statute shall come into force. Two months after the said 24th August a report shall be laid." The story has it that the redoubtable Jay rushed through a lot of diamonds duty-free, and so netted a million pounds.

Every great man or woman has his or her weakness. Queen Victoria took the form of innumerable under scoring of words; Palmerston's was the bestowal of a capital letter upon every other word. Mr. Balfour, who mildly denounces those that confound "will" and "shall" himself trips over "who" and "whom." Mr. Chamberlain always describes things as being "different to," and "panda that such and such engagements." Now this latter error, the false negative, was one which Gladstone never forgave. Sir Edward Hamilton told us that he once "received quite a hostile" from Gladstone upon the latter's dissenting in a letter, written by Sir Edward by his instructions, the missive of the gentleman. The curious part is that Sir Edward, in a page near to that on which this incident is narrated, speaks of Gladstone's methods of preparing speeches as being different "to" the which is now in vogue. But Mr. Gladstone was not infallible.

One of the written productions of Gladstone which has Sir Edward's commendation in his "Gleanings of Past Years." Now in that there occurs a remarkable blunder. "The fierce light that beats upon a thorn," wrote Gladstone, "is something like the heat of that furnace in which only Daniel could walk unscathed, for those whose place it is to stand in its vicinity." Every schoolboy knows that not Daniel, but Shadrach, Meshach and Abimelech were the heroes of the furnace. Still, if he tripped in facts, the G.O.M. never forgot either grammar or grace. Lord Rosebery, a master of style, speaks of "different to," and Mr. Brodick makes Lord Kitchener seriously differ "with" Lord Curzon. Lord Escher was ridiculed by one of the reviewers for the language of his War Office report, which was declared to abound in repetitions, to have no perspective, and to be, in general impression, quite childlike. Not even the careful Duke of Devonshire has invariably escaped disaster. Over his signature there stands this instruction: "to provide for the passing up the First and Second Canteen of a number of the Nile steamers as it may be possible and expedient." After this, the language of Acts of Parliament and of the "Court Circular" is lucid and irreproachable.

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